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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOTS REJECT KYPRIANOU/DENKTASH MEETING

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1. ACTING UN SPECREP GORGE HAS TOLD US IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT UNSYG WALDHEIM ASKED HIM TO TRY TO SET UP A LUNCHEON AT UNFICYP HEADQUARTERS JAN 15 TO INCLUDE BOTH GOC PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH. WALDHEIM INSTRUCTED GORGE TO "INSIST" THAT THIS LUNCHEON TAKE PLACE.
2. ON JAN 12, GORGE APPROACHED GOC FONOFF DIRGEN PELAGHIAS WITH THE LUNCHEON PRTPPOSAL. PELAGHIAS ASKED GORGE TO DELAY LATTER'S APPROACH TO DENKTASH UNTIL KYPRIANOU COULD BE CONSULTED. SUBSEQUENTLY, PELAGHIAS TOLD GORGE THAT KYPRIANOU WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE MATTER TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL/COUNCIL OF MINISTER (NC/CM), BUT IN THE INTERMIM GORGE COULD APPROACH DENKTASH.

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3. LATER ON JAN 12, GORGE ASKED DENKTASH IF HE WOULD ATTEND A LUNCHEON WITH KYPRIANOU. DENKTASH AGREED IMMEDIATELY. (IN STILL LATER CONVERSATION SAME DAY TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON WAS TAKEN BY SURPRISE WHEN GORGE MENTIONED THE LUNCHEON. DENKTASH HAD NOT CONSULTED WITH ONHON BEFORE ACCEPTING.) DENKTASH'S ONLY CAVEAT WAS THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR ONAN COULD NOT ATTEND LUNCHEON; IF

WALDHEIM WANTED ANOTHER TURKISH CYPRIOT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE "TFSC FOREIGN MINISTER" VEDAT CHELIK. GORGE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO GREEK CYPRIOTS AND THE INVITATION WAS LEFT FOR DENKTASH (AND MRS. DENKTASH) ONLY.

4. ON JAN 13, GOC NC/CM MET IN WHAT WAS APPARENTLY A LONG SESSION TO DISCUSS UNSYG INVITATION. FINAL DECISION WAS THAT IT IS PREMATURE FOR KYPRIANOU TO MEET WITH DENKTASH, ALTHOUGH DENKTASH WILL NOT BE GIVEN FINAL WORD ON THIS UNTIL SYG WALDHEIM ARRIVES IN CYPRUS JAN 14.

5. COMMENT: WE THINK KYPRIANOU'S REJECTION OF WALDHEIM INVITATION/INITIATIVE IS A CASE OF REEELECTION TIMIDITY. CRAWFORD

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